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FOR FREE CIRCULATION TO MEMBERS RSCWS

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL BODY MEETING OF RSCWS AND MEDICAL SEMINAR TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, 12TH AUGUST, 2023, AT FORTIS HOSPITAL AUDITORIUM, MOHALI

Annual General Body Meeting (AGBM) of Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) & a Medical Seminar on "Health Care in Old Age", shall be held on Saturday, 12th August, 2023, from 10 AM (sharp) to 1 PM, at 3rd Floor Auditorium (OPD side), Fortis Hospital, Sector 62, Phase 8, Mohali.

All the Members of RSCWS and their spouses are requested to attend the AGBM & the Medical Seminar and to please join the lunch thereafter.

AGENDA

1. Homage to Members who expired since last GBM.
2. Cultural Programme.
3. Address by the Chairman
4. Report by the Secretary General;
5. Approval of Statement of Accounts of RSCWS for FY 2022-23;
6. Biennial Elections of Executive Committee of RSCWS.
7. MEDICAL SEMINAR on "Geriatrics: Healthy Aging" By Dr. Milinda Gupta, MBBS, MD (Internal Medicine) Consultant, Fortis Hospital, Mohali.
b) Honoring of Dr. Milinda Gupta, Mrs. Meena Bata & Dr. Ajinder Singh.
8. Donation of Rs. 10000/- from Social Welfare Fund (SWF) of RSCWS, to GS SAS Free Polyclinic Parachh, adjacent to Chandigarh, for helping the poor, needy and the destitute.
9. Honoring of Senior Citizens & Super Sr. Citizens who have crossed 75 years, 80 years, 85 years & 90 years of age from the last AGM held in April-2022 to August-2023: And welcome to members who have crossed 65 years of age during this period.
10. Any other point with permission of the Chair.
11. CLOSING ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT & VOTE OF THANKS BY SECRETARY GENERAL.

Lunch will be served by RSCWS, after the Meeting.

Secretary General, RSCWS

NOTE:

Members who have not yet paid the Subscription of RSCWS for the current or the previous year, are requested to pay the same @ Rs. 400/- PA during or before the Meeting. Members are requested to bring their Membership Card in the Meeting to get it updated for the Subscription paid by them. If the old membership Card is already full on the backside, then a new Card be got issued during the Meeting for which small / Passport size Photos of self & spouse may be brought along with the old Cards.

Members are also requested to contribute liberally to the Social Welfare Fund of (RSCWS) for donations to help the poor, needy & the destitute.

Railway Pensioners who have not yet joined RSCWS, are also cordially invited to join RSCWS by paying the subscription thereof in the meeting or through the Bank Account of RSCWS as per detail on Page No. 2

LIST OF PVT HOSPITALS EMPANELLED BY RAILWAYS IN THE TRICITY AS ON 30-06-2023

- FOR CASHLESS TREATMENT OF RAILWAY MEDICAL BENEFICIARIES (EMPLOYEES & RELHS OPTees) WITH UMID CARD ON REFERRAL BY CMS NR UMB OR IN EMERGENCY ON APPROVAL OF CMS WITHIN 24 HOURS

Sl. No.	Hospital Name	Contract up to	Contact No.
1.	MAX Super Specialty Hospital, Phase-6, Mohali	18-02-2024	0172-6652000
2.	Indus Hospital, Opp. Old D.C. Office, Phase 1, Mohali	07-07-2023	0172- 5044945
3.	Mukat Hospital & Heart Institute, Sector 34-C, Chandigarh.	15-10-2023	98720-48149
4.	Grecian Hospital, Sec.- 69, Mohali	26-08-2023	98996-49020
5.	Ivy Hospital, Sector 71, Mohali	15-12-2023	9988823456 (Abhishek – Mob: 8699999914)
6.	Amar Hospital, Sector-70, Mohali	12-03-2024	0172-5037683
7.	Eden Critical Care Hospital, Industrial Area, CDG	06-08-2023	
8.	Drishti Eye Hospital, Sector-10, Panchkula.	13-12-2023	0172-2571572 98033-33344
Lab.	Spiral CT & MRI; Sector 44, CDG	20-12-2023	0172 4064555 98142-52733
Lab.	Atulaya Health Care; SCO 112-113, Sector 8-C, CDG	15-01-2024	0172 4558888 97795-99499

ENTITLEMENT OF WARDS (as per 7th CPC Pay): General Ward: Up to Rs.47600/-;
Semi-Private Ward: Rs.47601/- to 63100/-; Private Ward: 63100/- & above

• **HOSPITALS EMPANELLED WITH RSCWS IN THE TRI-CITY**

FOR TREATMENT AT CGHS RATES ON CASH PAYMENT IN OPD, IPD & DIAGNOSTICS, FOR RSCWS MEMBERS ON PRODUCTION OF UPDATED/VALID MEMBERSHIP CARD OF RAILWAY SENIOR CITIZENS WELFARE SOCIETY (RSCWS)

Sl. No.	Name of Hospital	EMPANELLED FOR THE SPECIALITIES	Contact No
1.	FORTIS MULTI-SPECIALITY HOSPITAL, SECTOR -62, PHASE-VIII, MOHALI	All available Specialties	172-5021222 98721-70582 (Dr. Ajinder Singh.)
2.	IVY HOSPITAL, SECTOR-71, MOHALI	All available Specialties	0172-7170000, (Abhishek: 86999-99914)
3.	MUKAT HOSPITAL, SECTOR-34 A, CDG	All available Specialties	0172-4344444 98720-48149
4	OJAS Hospital, Sector 26, Panchkula.	All available Specialties	(Parveen Kumar) 9779992668

NOTICE Subscription of the members of RSCWS (except life members) is due from April'2023. They are requested to pay the same at the General Body meeting at Fortis Hospital, Mohali, on 12-8-2023. Please bring your Membership Cards for updating the same after paying the Subscription.

MEMBERS OF RSCWS PLEASE PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION @ RS.400/- PA OR LIFE MEMBERSHIP RS.3500/- (ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP FOR THOSE RESIDING OUTSIDE CHANDIGARH, PANCHKULA & MOHALI: RS.150/- PA/LM RS.1500/-) DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS MAY BE deposited in the Bank account of RSCWS in favor of "Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society" in Punjab & Sind Bank, Sector 7, Chandigarh, in SB Account No. 08561000100242, IFSC Code PSIB 0000856 OR MAY BE PAID TO SH. C.P. SINGH. TREASURER, RSCWS, 351, SAVITRI TOWER S 1, VIP ROAD, ZIRAKPUR (PB)-140603 OR MAY BE PAID TO HIM IN THE GURDWARA SAHIB, SECTOR 8 D, CHANDIGARH (EXCEPT ON TUESDAYS) WHERE HE WORKS AS AN ACCOUNTANT. (PHONE NO. OF SH C P SINGH IS :- 98880-54477)

NOTE: MEMBERS, WHO SEND THEIR SUBSCRIPTION THROUGH BANK ACCOUNT, ARE REQUESTED TO FOLLOW IT UP WITH A LETTER TO THE TREASURER (WITH DETAILS OF PAYMENT, THEIR FULL NAME, POSTAL ADDRESS & MOBILE NO.).

IN CASE OF NEW MEMBERS, MEMBERSHIP FORM & 2 STAMP SIZE PHOTOS EACH OF SELF & SPOUSE MAY BE SENT TO HIM TO ENABLE HIM TO SEND THE RECEIPT & MEMBERSHIP CARD OF RSCWS.

SECRETARY GENERAL, RSCWS

MEMORANDUMS SUBMITTED BY RSCWS

Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Memo -8th CPC/2023-6 Dated 30-05-2023 addressed to Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Minister of Finance, Government of India,

Sub: - Setting up of 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC).

1. Attention of Government drawn towards the financial constraints through which CG pensioners are passing due to defective formulae adoption by the previous Pay Commissions.
2. Per-capita income when interpolated with current price indices have double variation, moreover, hike in Dearness Relief does not provide the required relief.
3. Multiplication factor chosen by 7th CPC proved under scored when compared to the consumer price indices.
4. All future pay revisions under 8th CPC to be data driven in rationalized manner and delay to be compensated by Interim Relief. (Detail Memorandum is Available on web site: www.rscws.com)

2 Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Memo DG(RHS)/2023-7 Dated 13-06-2023 to Director General (Railway Health Services), Rail Bhawan, New Delhi-110001.

Subject: Hassle free treatment of Railway Beneficiaries—especially old age Pensioners and their dependents-Request for:

- i) Upgrading of Chandigarh Railway Health Unit to Sub Divisional Hospital;
- ii) Provision of Diagnostic, IPD and essential facilities like-X-Ray, Paramedical, Emergency, and Ambulance etc. in Health Unit/Hospital
- iii) Setting up of a lockup dispensary or Health Unit at Mohali.
- iv) Stream lining of system of Referral and approval of treatment in Emergency in Empaneled Hospitals.

Ref:- i) Rly. Board's Letter Reg.: Medical Treatment to Railway Beneficiaries No. 2005/H/6-4/Policy-II Dated 30-7-2018 and 16-4-2007.

ii) Railway Board's letter no: 2018/TransCell/Health/CGHS dated 16.06.21.

Chandigarh Railway Station is going to be developed with world class facilities under the a eg is of NITI Aayog by IRSDC. We, the Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) being a registered pensioners association, want to bring the following few points to your notice for favorable consideration and necessary action thereon:

1. That the condition of the present-day Railway Health Unit at Chandigarh is merely a basic dispensary class and it is primarily working as a medicine's distribution center with single doctor and limited staff without any Indoor and emergency treatment facility. In these circumstances the Railway Beneficiaries (Serving/Retired) are deprived of the quality treatment and always have to run for Divisional Hospital at Ambala Cantt. or go to local costly private hospitals which adds to their woes in case of acute emergency.
2. That at present more than 1500 Railway Beneficiaries plus the irfamily members totaling about 6000 are dependent on the Railway Health Unit Chandigarh. The number of Railway beneficiaries including employees, pensioners and their dependents, are bound to increase in the coming years with the extension of Chandigarh Railway Station and diversion of more trains through Chandigarh as well as origination of more trains from Chandigarh and Mohali. This makes it more imperative to upgrade the health care facilities for the Railway beneficiaries residing in and around Chandigarh and Mohali.
3. The HealthUnitislocatedacrosstheChandigarhstationyard,morethanakilometer away from there and is not covered by any public transport and so is not adequately accessible, particularly for the aged pensioners. And going by road, one has to govia Panchkula which adds another 4 Kms to reach there. Therefore, it is most necessary that the Health Unit/Sub-Divisional Hospital be preferably relocatedA on the front side of the Chandigarh Railway station for better accessibility.
4. Upgradation of Railway Health Unit Chandigarh to the level of Divisional/Sub-Divisional Hospital is urgently required with proper health care facilities. This will be of great help to Railway Beneficiaries for availing medical treatment at Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali and surrounding are as.
5. Railway Beneficiaries, including the Senior and Super Senior old age Patients residing at Chandigarh, Panchkula, Mohali and around are placed under serious hard ship as many times they are told to go to Ambala to get there ferral for the Empaneled Hospitals. This is totally unmindful of the ordeal the patients have to undergo to travel nearly 50 Kilometers to get the referral done. The Doctors at Ambala sometimes tell the Patients to go for treatment to Delhi (which is more than 200 Kms away) or to aprivate Hospital at Ambala, which is totally undesirable and problematic to get the treatment there, instead of being referred to an empaneled Hospital in and around Chandigarh, near their residence for cash less treatment at CGHS rates.

6. Settingupa Health Unitor Lockup Dispensary at Mohali station:

A number of railway retirees as well as working staff are now settling down in the fast-developing Mohali urban area. A number of trains to Punjab and Jammu side are also passing through Mohali. Taxing or driving down to Chandigarh Health Unit, about 20 Kms away on an average, is tough, tiring or even unsafe through the busy roads, for at least the aged retirees. So, in all earnestness, a lock up dispensary/Health Unit beset up at Mohali immediately. This will also be more suitable for Chandigarh residents of southern sectors.

7. It is, there fore, requested that:

- i) Railway Health Unit at Chandigarh be suitably upgraded to the level of Divisional/Sub-Divisional Hospital.
- ii) An emergency IPD Ward and another senior Doctor and essential facilities like - X-Ray, Paramedical, Diagnostic, Emergency, and Ambulance facility etc. be provided at Chandigarh Health Unit/Hospital.
- iii) Authorizing the Medical Officer in-charge of the Health Unit Chandigarh:
 - a) To Refer Patients for treatment to Empaneled private Hospitals as per choice of the Patients or near to their residence; And
 - b) Directly approving Emergency Treatment in Empaneled private Hospitals. At present approval has to be obtained from CMS office, Ambala.
- iv) A lock up dispensary or Health Unit be setup at Mohali.
- v) Hassle free treatment of Railway Beneficiaries – especially of the old age Pensioners and their dependents may please be provided with a patient friendly approach by all concerned.

3 Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/HO/CHD/ Memo DOP&PW/2023-8 Dated 13-06-2023

Secretary, Govt. of India, Personnel, Public Grievances & Pension, 5th Floor, Patel Bhawan, Patel Chowk, Parliament Street, New Delhi – 110001.

Subject: Grant of Ex-Gratia Payment to CPF (Contributory Provident Fund) Retirees who retired after 31-12-1985 – Appeal for removal of discrimination between CPF Retirees who retired up to 31-12-1985 & after 31-12-1985

Reference: DOP & PW OM No. 45/52/97-P&PW Dated: 16-12-1997.

1. We invite your kind attention and seek early justice for the CPF Retirees who retired after 31-12-1985 and are suffering great hardship due to non-receipt of the Ex-gratia Payment as paid to those CPF Retirees who retired up to 31-12-1985.
2. Ex-Gratia Payment of Rs.600/- PM plus DR was granted, to CPF Optees who retired between 1-4-1957 to 31-12-1985 vide DOP&PW orders cited above. The amount of Ex-gratia Payment and DR thereon were revised from time to time. But no Ex-Gratia Payment has been granted to the CPF Optees who retired after 31-12-1985. This is unjust, discriminatory and causing continuous hardship to the post 31-12-1985 CPF Retirees.
3. All CPF Retirees were recruited before 1-4-1957 and as such formed one class of employees. Any distinction between them on the basis of date of Retirement is discriminatory and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 39 of the Constitution of India as well as according to the Law of Justice settled in DS Nakra's case and General Bains' Case decided by the Apex Court of India.
4. The number of surviving CPF Optees, who retired after 31-12-1985, is very small as all the CPF Optees joined service before 1-4-1957 and the last ones of such optees would have retired by 1997 or before that. As such, the financial implication of granting them Ex-Gratia payment would also be small but would do the much-delayed justice to them and provide them the much-needed relief.
5. It is, therefore, requested that the CPF Optees who retired after 31-12-1985 and their Families be granted Ex-Gratia Payment & DR at par with the CPF Optees who retired up to 31-12-1985 and unjust discrimination and hardship may please be removed.

Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/ Memo-DRM-UMB/2023-9 Dated 16-05-2023

Divisional Railway Manager, Northern Railway Ambala Division, AMBALA-CANTT-133002

Sub: - Medical Treatment to Railway Beneficiaries - Grievance regarding Violations of Railway Board and PCMD/ N Rly HQ orders by Ambala Division Medical Deptt. in referral of cases, for specialized treatment in empaneled hospitals

Reference: i) Railway Board's letter No. 2005/H/6-4/Policy-II Dated 30.07.2018. (Copy attached)

ii) PCMD Orders authorizing ADMO HU Chandigarh a) to refer Railway patients to empaneled hospitals with telephonic approval of CMS UMB & b) to approve treatment in emergency in the private empaneled hospitals, with telephonic approval of CMS UMB within 24 hours.

Preamble: *Railway Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS) is the Identified Organization Under the Pensioners Portal and is Recognized by the Government of India as a Member of SCOVA (Standing Committee of Voluntary Agencies - GOI) for representing the grievances of the Pensioners.*

1. We are constrained to bring to your kind notice the Stark VIOLATIONS and utter INDIFFERENCE, being adopted of late by the medical department of Ambala Division, in not referring the Railway Beneficiaries residing in Chandigarh tri-city and surrounding areas, for getting specialized medical treatment from the recognized private empaneled hospitals, thus endangering their Health Care, particularly of the aged pensioners:
 - i) That the Railway Beneficiaries residing in the tri-city of Chandigarh, Panchkula & Mohali and in the surrounding areas, especially the elderly patients requiring specialized medical treatment, are facing a lot of difficulties in getting requisite treatment due to REFUSAL by the Railway Doctors at the NR Health Unit Chandigarh as well as at the Divisional Hospital, Ambala, to refer the patients to the empaneled private hospitals as per laid down procedure.
 - ii)
 - a). Examples of some recent related cases are enclosed at Annexure – I.
 - b) Some other cases have also happened in the recent past wherein Railway Beneficiaries, including elderly patients residing in and around Chandigarh, have been referred to the empaneled hospitals at Ambala instead of the empaneled hospitals in and around Chandigarh. This is totally unjust and amounts to sheer harassment of the sickly and the elderly aged for whom extra special attention & care is guaranteed right up to the PMO, New Delhi.
 - c) Insistence by the Doctors to refer patients of Chandigarh to Central Hospital New Delhi and travelling all the way to Delhi, straightaway amounts to the aged patients undergoing torture.
 - d) Referring Patients to the overcrowded PGI is equally unjustified as PGI charges the CGHS rates at par with the empaneled hospital and the patients have to pay in cash at the PGI instead of the cashless system in the empaneled hospitals.
 - e) Para 2.1 of Railway Board's orders dated 30-7-2018, (cited above), clearly provides that "the Railway Doctor should take all necessary steps to address the medical need of the Beneficiaries with a sympathetic and helping attitude.
 - f) The main objective should be the convenience of the Patient and the distance to be travelled to reach out to the medical facility for the requisite treatment.
 - g) As such an immediate corrective action needs to be taken and all concerned be advised.
 - h) Doctor at the Health Unit Chandigarh, be authorized to refer the patients to the empaneled private hospitals, as per choice of the patient, after taking the telephonic or On-line approval thereof from the CMS Ambala, as per already laid down procedure by the PCMD/NDLS.

5Copy of Memorandum No. RSCWS/CHD/Memo-DGRHS/2023-11 to

Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, Railway Board, Rail Bhawan, NEW-DELHI – 110001.

Sub: -Regarding Extension of Pan India Cashless Treatment facilities to Railway Beneficiaries at AIIMS & PGIs – (at par with other Central Government employees & Pensioners/ CGHS Beneficiaries).

Ref: -1. Govt. of India, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate General of CGHS letter F No. Z16025/12/2023/CGHS-111 Dated 31-05-2023.

2. Press Release by MoH&FW dated 27-06-2023 Regarding MOA between AIIMS-New Delhi, PGIMER-Chandigarh & JIPMER-Puducherry

In reference to the above letters, facility of Cashless Treatment has been extended to CGHS Beneficiaries in the Medical Institutes of National Importance(AIIMS at New Delhi, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Patna, Jodhpur, Raipur, Rishikesh, PGIMER-Chandigarh & JIPMER-Puducherry)with the following salient features:

1. Cashless treatment will be available in outpatient departments (OPD), investigations, and indoor treatment for CGHS pensioners and other eligible categories of beneficiaries.
2. These institutes will raise credit bills for CGHS pensioners and other eligible beneficiaries, and CGHS will preferably make payment within 30 days of receiving the bills.
3. CGHS beneficiaries will be admitted only upon the production of a valid CGHS Beneficiary ID Card for treatment at these institutions.
4. Separate Help Desks and accounting systems will be created for CGHS beneficiaries at AIIMS New Delhi, PGIMER Chandigarh, and JIPMER Puducherry.
5. Medicines prescribed by the doctors at these institutions, whether for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge, will be collected by beneficiaries through CGHS
6. CGHS beneficiaries will no longer require referrals to access healthcare facilities at these institutions.

Railways, also being a central government pan India organization, the Railway Board is requested to extend these facilities of Cashless Treatment in all AIIMS and PGI Chandigarh etc. without referral from the Railway Hospital to Railway beneficiaries also at par with CGHS Beneficiaries which will enable them to avail state-of-the-art medical facilities and also reduce the referrals burden on CMSs of Railway hospitals

Government Orders Issued Concerning Pensioners
Northern Railway Headquarter, Baroda House, Medical Department Letter No.
CHD/NR/Med/GM-PHODs-CMSs/2022 Dated 29-05-2023 Compliance Report

S.No.	Point Raised	Discussion	Compliance
1	Empaneled hospitals are not accepting UMID Card issued by other zonal Railways in emergency treatment.	All Empaneled Hospitals will be counselled to accept UMID Card issued by other Zonal Railways	MD/NRCH All private empaneled hospitals are instructed to accept UMID Card from all Railway Beneficiaries (including other zones) in an emergency CMS/DLI, UMB & MB All empaneled Hospitals have been counselled to accept UMID Card issued by other Zonal Railways
2	Implementation of New Railway Board MoU for private Empaneled Hospitals	All CMS & MD/NRCH are already advised to implement New MoU made by Railway Board. Other Zonal Railways may be advised to empanel private hospitals of Delhi which are already empaneled with Northern Railway	MD/NRCH, All CMSs New Railway MoU implemented in NRCH and all divisional hospitals.
3	Investigation facilities at Noida and Gurgaon	Empanelment of private Diagnostic Centre to be initiated	CMS/DLI- Investigation facilities is available at Gurgaon but no Lab in Noida, it will be made available once the Health Unit Noida become operational
4	Problem in obtaining referrals from Railway Medical Authorities	a) For NRCH a Nodal Officer will be nominated and a dedicated Mobile Number working 24X7 will be provided for emergency referral b) Single Window System will be arranged for referral during OPD time. c) Meeting will be arranged with all the empaneled hospitals to counsel them to accept UMID Card when Railway Beneficiary attends in emergency without referral letter.	MD/NRCH- a) Causality Medical Officer on eduty is nominated for emergency referral Mobile No. 9717630513 b) Single Window System during OPD hrs. already in place at NRCH from Room No. 41 c) Emergency referral mail ID is nreferralnrchndls@gmail.com d) All empaneled hospitals already counselled to sent email on above mail ID and WhatsApp No. with all documents in emergency condition CMS/DLI- Referral process has been streamlined and no relative of the patient are being advised to obtain permission physically from Divisional Hospitals the permission is being given on WhatsApp. CMS/UMB- All referrals are being done through a single window in NRDH/Ambala. CMS/LKO- During working hours referrals are made immediately. During non-working hours referrals are made by causality doctor. CMS/FZR- a) Referral letter is being prepared on HMIS (24X7) b) Referral letter are being arranged through male ward round the clock. c) All the empaneled hospitals are Accepting UMID card issued by the Railway.

5	Lab Investigation Facility at Health Unit Level	The Private Labs should be empaneled for cashless investigation facility at Health Unit Level	MD/NRCH- Cashless facility for Pvt. Empaneled Lab under NRCH, Health Units already implemented CMS/UMB- Private labs are empaneled for Health Unit Bathinda, Saharanpur, Chandigarh & Kalka for cashless investigation. CMS/DLI- Lab investigation facility is available at all Health Units over Delhi Division. CMS/LKO- No CGHS recognized diagnostic & Pathological centers available at Health Unit level for cashless investigation. CMS/FZR- Private diagnostic Centre have already been empaneled on cashless basis.
6	Single Window for all medicines at NRCH	All medicines except LP medicine are being provided in single window.	MD/NRCH- All medicines except LP and Ant-cancer high-cost medicines are being provided in single window.
7	Medicines for Chronic diseases are to be provided for three months.	Indent should be placed timely and sufficient quantity of medicines for chronic diseases to be stocked so that three months medicines can be dispensed all-round the year.	MD/NRCH- Adequate stock of medicines for chronic diseases is available at NRCH except few items from NRCH and its Health Units. CMS/DLI- Available medicines are being dispensing for three months for chronic diseases. CMS/UMB- Sufficient stock of medicines for chronic diseases is being ensured & three months of medicines are given to patient on their request. CMS/LKO- Indents are being placed timely and medicines for chronic diseases are being dispensed for 3 months (on demand) CMS/FZR- Indents is placed timely sufficient quantity of medicines are available.
8	Augmentation of waiting area at NRCH	It Should be explored	

Railway Board's Letter No. 2022/E(W)/01/08/1 Dated 17-05-2023

Sub: - Travel entitlement on Passes/PTOs integrated with Class & Booking Codes issued by Commercial Directorate

It has been observed that no specific entitlement is stipulated in Board's above cited letter in respect of CC/FC Coaches being attached to some Special Trains on Special Charges and Suvidha Special Trains. In order to remove this ambiguity, Note No.2 of Annexures I & II of Board's above referred circular is notified as follows: -
"Travel entitlement in Humsafar, Special Trains on Special Charges and Suvidha Special Trains will be of Rajdhani Express type of Trains. In case CC/FC Coach is attached to such trains, the entitlement of CC Class of Shatabdi Express type train will be applicable."

2. Other terms & conditions stipulated in Board's above referred circular shall remain unchanged.
3. This issues with the concurrence of the Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, CPAO letter No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Bank Performance/37 Vol-III/10638/2022-23 Dated 22-03-2023

Sub: - Issuance of Life Certificate to NRI Pensioners Retirees of Govt. of India across International Geo-graphics

Central Pension Accounting Office (CPAO) has been receiving grievances regarding non acceptance of Life Certificate by Pension Disbursing Banks on issuance of the same by another authorized bank. In this regard, attention is invited to Para 14.2, Para 14.3 and Para 16.3 (of Para 16- Payment of Pension to N.R.I.

Pensioners) of "Scheme for Payment of Pensions to Central Government Civil Pensioners by Authorized

1. Banks" issued by this office. In terms of codal provisions mentioned above, the life certificate in respect of NRI Pensioners/Family Pensioners issued by an officer of an Indian Authorized Bank attached to its branch in the country (outside India) where the pensioner is residing may be accepted by the CPPCs.
2. In view of above, all the CPPCs of authorized banks are requested to strictly follow above mentioned guidelines and accept the life certificate in respect of NRI Pensioners/Family Pensioners signed by the officer of an Indian authorized bank's Foreign Branch (authorized by CPAO for Pension Disbursement) after due verification of Life Certificate issuing authority for smooth disbursement of pension/family pension. This issues with the approval of the Chief Controller (Pensions).

Govt. of India, Min. of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare
DirectorateGeneral of CGHS F No. Z 16025/12/2023/CGHS-111 Dated 31st May, 2023

Subject: Treatment of CGHS pensioner beneficiaries and others at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Patna, Rishikesh and Jodhpur

With reference to the above subject the undersigned is directed to state that All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Patna, Rishikesh and Jodhpur shall provide treatment on cashless basis to CGHS pensioner beneficiaries and other entitled class of beneficiaries as per the detail given below:

- a) CGHS Pensioners and other beneficiaries entitled for cashless treatment like ex-MPs, ex-Governors, former Judges of Supreme Court of India, former Judges of High Courts, Freedom Fighters, etc., holding a Valid CGHS Card are eligible for cashless treatment at AIIMS.
- b) AIIMS shall create a Special desk for CGHS beneficiaries.
- c) Entitled CGHS beneficiaries shall present their CGHS Card for verification at CGHS Desk. They shall submit a self-attested copy of CGHS Card. In case of treatment of a dependent family member copy of the CGHS card of self and family member shall be submitted.
- d) CGHS Desk at AIIMS refers the beneficiaries to OPD/Investigations / Indoor treatment as the case may be.
- e) Bills in physical form along with copy of CGHS card shall be submitted by AIIMS in the last week of month to the office of Addl. Director, CGHS of concerned City.
- f) AIIMS shall send bill to CGHS as per AIIMS rates, except in case of Room rent for Indoor treatment. Bills for room rent shall be sent to CGHS as per CGHS rates for CGHS empaneled Hospitals. The beneficiaries are eligible for indoor treatment as per their ward entitlement in CGHS empaneled HCOs, as indicated on their CGHS Card.
- g) AIIMS shall create a separate Bank Account for CGHS beneficiaries to reimburse the bills by CGHS.
- h) Additional Director, CGHS of concerned City shall process the bills expeditiously and payment shall be credited into the Bank Account created by AIIMS for CGHS.
- i) No preferential treatment shall be provided to CGHS beneficiaries.
- j) AIIMS shall provide implants available at the Institute and the beneficiaries shall not have option to choose Specific Implants of their choice.
- k) Medicines prescribed by AIIMS's doctors for OPD treatment or at the time of discharge from AIIMS will be collected by the beneficiaries through CGHS.
- l) CGHS pensioners and others eligible for cashless treatment can avail treatment without any mandatory referral from CGHS.
- m) Additional Directors, CGHS of Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Nagpur, Patna, Dehradun and Jaipur shall contact All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal, Bhubaneswar, Raipur, Patna, Rishikesh and Jodhpur respectively for the seamless implementation of this initiative.

NOTE: - MOA with AIIMS-Delhi & PGI-Chandigarh is under consideration.

Govt. of India Min. of Health & Family Welfare Directorate General of CGHS

F. No. Z15025/28/2022/DIR/CGHS Dated 12-04-2023

Subject: -Revision of Consultation Fee, Room Rent and ICU charges for All Health Care organizations (HCOs) Empaneled under CGHS

I am directed to convey the revision of the charges for Consultation fee, Intensive Care Unit and Room rent reimbursable in respect of treatment rendered to CGHS beneficiaries in all HCOs empaneled under CGHS. The revised rates in respect of the above mentioned items are as under:

- a) Consultation fee - OPD Consultation Rs.350 /
IPD Consultation Rs.350/-
(For both NABH and Non-NABH accredited HCOs)
- b) ICU Charges - Rs 5400/- for all categories of ward entitlement (General Ward/Semi-private ward / Private ward) (For non-NABH accredited hospitals, the charges shall be 15% less) ICU charges are inclusive of Room Rent)
- c) Room Rent- General ward Rs.1500/-
Semi-private ward Rs.3000/-
Private ward Rs. 4500/-
(For both NABH and Non-NABH accredited HCOs)

Govt. of India, Min. of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Directorate of CGHS F. No. Z15025/8/2023/DIR/CGHS Dated 19-06-2023

Subject: Revision of CGHS rates for 36 Radiological / Imaging investigations-regarding

(All Figures are in Rupees)

	Code No	Investigation	Revised Rates for CGHS empaneled HCOs	
			For NABH/NABL Accredited	For non NABH/NABL Accredited
1	590	ECG	175	150
2	592	Echo	1475	1255
3	594	Fetal ECHO	1600	1360
4	597	Stress Echo	2400	2040
5	598	D-Stress Echo	3000	2550
6	604	MRI Cardiac	8000	6800
7	710	USG Colour Doppler Pregnancy	1675	1425
8	1358	Testicular Scan	1700	1445
9	1360	Thyroid Scan with Technetium 99m Pertechnetate	1900	1615
10	1375	TMT	1120	950
11	1590/708	USG for anomalies scan	2000	1700
12	1591	USG Whole abdomen /KUB	800	680
13	1592	USG Pelvis/Gynae.	500	425
14	1597	USG Breasts	800	680
15	1598	HSG	2400	2040
16	1603	USG guided FNAC	1800	1530
17	1606	X Ray abdomen AP Supine or Erect (one film)	250	215
18	1608	Chest X-ray PA View (one film)	230	195
19	1609	Chest X-ray lateral View (one film)	230	195
20	1627		1650	1400
21	1628	MCI-J	1120	950
22	1629	RGU	1120	950
23	1635	Mammography B/L	1375	1170
24	1637	NCCT Head	1035	880

25	1661	MRI Brain	2500	2125
26	1663	MRI Orbit	1700	1445
27	1674	MRI Wrists single joint without contrast	3000	2550
28	1675	MRI Wrists Both joints without contrast	4000	3400
29	1678	MRI Knee single joint without contrast	3000	2550
30	1680	MRI Knees Both joints without contrast	4000	3400
31	1682	MRI Ankle single joint with contrast	5000	4250
32	1684	MRI Ankle Both joints with contrast	6500	5525
33	1700	MRI whole Spine Screening	2000	1700
34	1703	MRI Whole spine	4000	3400
35	1784	CECT Thorax	2875	2445
36	1834	HRCT Chest	2000	1700

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting Office, Bhikaji Cama Place, New-Delhi Letter No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Bank Performance/37 Vol- III(A)/2023-24/71 Dated 23-05-2023

Subject: First Credit of pension on the basis of e-PPO into the account of the pensioner/ family pensioner followed by subsequent verification with physical PPO

Attention is invited to CPAO's OM No. 13012(12)/3/2021-IT Technical/4() dated 12.07.2021 (copy enclosed) Wherein all the Heads of the CPPCs of Authorized Banks were directed to ensure that the credit of the first pension into the account of pensioner/family pensioner is carried out immediately on the basis of e-PPO and e-SSA received from the CPAO. On the receipt of the physical booklet and related documents, the CPPCs would verify the details and if any difference is found between the e-PPO and manual PPO, the same should be intimated to CC(P), CPAO within a month for necessary corrective action. It is observed that the banks are not following the CPAO's OM dated 12.07.2021 which is causing hardship to the pensioners/family pensioners. It is once again directed to diligently follow CPAO's instructions and credit the first pension on the receipt of the e-PPO. This issues with the approval of the Chief Controller (Pensions).

Government of India, Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare

Flow Chart for Digital Life Certificate

Enhancing Ease of Submitting Digital Life Certificate through Face Authentication Technique based on UIDAI Certificate submission by pensioners using only a smartphone, process flow as under:

1. Download Aadhar Face Rd App from google play store
2. After the Rd service is installed, it will be visible in settings as under



3. Download Jeevan Pramaan Face Application from <https://jeevanpramaan.gov.in/package/download>
4. Click On Client installation Document for Android Face App.
5. Provide required information -> a link will be sent to the mail ID provided -> click on link-> file gets downloaded in downloads. Click on file to install application.
6. Open app -> give required permissions -> this opens a screen for operator
7. Authentication -> give required information ->
8. Submit -> enter OTP -> on successful pop-up will appear "Client Registration Successful"
9. The operator authentication is a one time process.
10. Pensioner can also be the Operator
11. After operator authentication, a screen will open for pensioner authentication.
12. One operator can generate DLC of multiple pensioners.
13. Pensioner Authentication-Fill in required details -> submit -> Enter OTP -> submit
14. Fill in all the details as shown on the screen correctly, Click on both the checkboxes and submit.
15. Click on the checkbox and scan for live photographs.
16. In this pop-up window select "yes" to continue with the scan process.
17. Click on the checkbox and proceed.
18. While doing face Authentication keep your face straight and follow the instructions shown on the screen.
19. After face scanning DLC submission appears on the screen along with Pramaan ID and PPO No.

9Note: - Incorrect information may lead to non-updation of DLC at Pension Disbursing Office Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, Central Pension Accounting Office, New-Delhi Letter No. CPAO/IT&Tech/Nomination Form/103/12839/2023-24/13 Dated 20-04-2023

Subject: Nomination of Pensioners under the Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Rules, 1983 for payment of life-time arrears.

Attention is invited to CPAO's OM dated 23.06.2022 wherein all the Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs were requested to direct their respective PAOs to comply with the DPPW order dated 31.03.2022.

It is observed that PAOs are not forwarding the Nomination Form A to CPAO as per direction of DPPW's order dated 31.03.2022. As a result, CPPCs of the Authorized Banks often do not have the Nomination Form A which is required in the case of death of a Pensioner.

All the Pr. CCAs/CCAs/CAs/AGs are once again requested to direct PAOs under their jurisdiction to strictly comply with DPPW's order dated 31-03-2022 and forward all the requisite documents along with PPO/e-PPO to CPAO for onward transmission to the Authorized Banks Government of India Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances & Pensions Department of Pension & Pensioners' Welfare Letter No. 42/04/2023-P&PW(D) Dated 06-04-2023

Sub: Grant of Dearness Relief to Central Government pensioners/family pensioners — Revised rates effective from 01.01.2023.

The undersigned is directed to refer to this Department's OM No. 42/07/2022P&PW(D) dated 08.10.2022 on the subject mentioned above and to state that the President is pleased to decide that the Dearness Relief admissible to Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners shall be enhanced from the existing rate of 38% to 42% of the basic pension/family pension (including additional pension/family pension) w.e.f 01.01.2023.

2. These rates of DR will be applicable to the following categories: -

- (i) Civilian Central Government Pensioners/Family Pensioners including Central Govt. absorbee pensioners in PSU/Autonomous Bodies in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 4/34/2002-P&PW(D)Vol.II dated 23.06.2017 for restoration of full pension after expiry of commutation period of 15 years.
- (ii) The Armed Forces Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners paid out of the Defense Service Estimates.
- (iii) All India Service Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (iv) Railway Pensioners/Family Pensioners.
- (v) Pensioners who are in receipt of provisional pension.
- (vi) The Burma Civilian Pensioners/Family Pensioners and Pensioners/families of displaced Government Pensioners from Burma/ Pakistan, in respect of whom orders have been issued vide this Department's OM No. 23/3/2008-P&PW(B) dated 11.09.2017.

3. It will be the responsibility of the pension disbursing authorities, including the nationalized banks, etc. to calculate the quantum of DR payable in each individual case.

4. The offices of Accountant General and authorized Pension Disbursing Banks are requested to arrange payment of Dearness Relief to Pensioners/Family Pensioners on the basis of these instructions without waiting for any further instructions from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the Reserve Bank of India in view of letter No. 528-TA, 11/3480-11 dated 23/04/1981 of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India addressed to all Accountant Generals and Reserve Bank of India Circular No. GANB No. 2958/GA-64 (ii) (CGL)/81 dated the 21st May, 1981 addressed to State Bank of India and its subsidiaries and all Nationalized Banks.

This issues in accordance with the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure's OM No. 1/1/2023-E. II (B) dated 03.04.2023.

Here is the Comparison between the old and new tax slabs

Old Tax Regime		New Tax Regime	
Tax Slab (₹)	Old Tax Rates	Tax Slab (₹)	New Tax Rates
0 – 2.5 lakh	0%	0-3 lakh	0%
2.5 lakh – 5 lakhs	5%	3 lakh – 6 lakhs	5%
5 lakh – 10 lakhs	20%	6 lakh-9 lakhs	10%
10 lakh & above	30%	9 lakh-12 lakhs	15%
—	—	12 lakh-15 lakhs	20%
—	—	15 lakh & above	30%

Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs (Budget Division) Letter No. F.No.1/4/2019-NS Dated 30-06-2023

Subject: Revision of interest rates for Small Savings Schemes

The rates of interest on various Small Savings Schemes for the second quarter of financial year 2023-24 starting from 1st July, 2023 and ending on 30th September, 2023 have been revised as detailed below:

Instrument	Rates of interest from 01.04.2023 to 30.06.2023	Rates of interest from 01.07.2023 to 30.09.2023
Savings Deposit	4.0	4.0
1 Year Time Deposit	6.8	6.9
2 Year Time Deposit	6.9	7.0
3 Year Time Deposit	7.0	7.0
5 Year Time Deposit	7.5	7.5
5 Year Recurring Deposit	6.2	6.5
Senior Citizen Savings Scheme	8.2	8.2
Monthly Income Account Scheme	7.4	7.4
National Savings Certificate	7.7	7.7
Public Provident Fund Scheme	7.1	7.1
Kisan Vikas Patra	7.5 (will mature in 115 months)	7.5 (will mature in 115 months)
Sukanya Samriddhi Account Scheme	8.0	8.0

Govt. of India, Min. of Health & Family Welfare, Department of Health & Family Welfare,
Directorate General of CGHS F.No. Z15025/1/2023/DIR/CGHS Dated 01-05-2023

Subject: Validity of CGHS Card in all CGHS Centers

The undersigned is directed to draw attention to the Order No Misc. 6024/2007/CGHS(HQ)/CGHS(P) dated the 17th December 2012 and to reiterate that CGHS Card is valid at any CGHS Wellness Centre in the Country for availing CGHS benefits as per the details given under:

CGHS Card is valid in any Wellness Centre in India and no additional document / attachment is required.

Medicines shall be issued for up to '3' months, in case of beneficiaries undergoing treatment for chronic illnesses. Referral / endorsement for treatment from private HCOs empanelled under CGHS shall be issued from any CGHS wellness centre.

Retired Freedom Fighter of 102 years Gets Arrears of Pension After the Intervention of Karnataka High Court.

The Karnataka High Court on 20th February, in H. Nagabhushana Rao V. The Under Secretary FFR Division & Others (WRIT PETITION No.405 OF 2023) held that Pension is a trite, not a bounty and no elderly at this age should be bound to produce his life certificate before the bank rather the bank should go and obtain it. The judgement was presided by Honourable Justice M. Nagaprasanna.

FACTS OF THE CASE:

The writ petition is filed under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying to direct the R1 to pay Rs. 3,71,280/- along with the interest to the petitioner. The petitioner, who is now 102 years old, was a recipient of Swatantra Sainik Samman Gaurava Dhana pension being a freedom fighter from 1974 from Government of India. This pension was granted to the petitioner by both the Central and the State Governments respectively. The pension of the petitioner was abruptly disrupted and when enquired, it was implied to the petitioner that he had not submitted his Life Certificate for the year 2017-2018 and later he submitted the Life Certificate on 24-12-2018. The Government issued sanction letter belatedly releasing pension for the period from 24-12-2018 to 05-10-2020. However, the arrears of pension between 01-11-2017 to 24-12-2018 were not paid, which amounted to `3,71,280/-. So, the petitioner knocked at the doors of the court.

JUDGEMENT:

The Court held that the petitioner would be entitled to all the arrears along with interest, as the Bank has failed to collect Life Certificate from the petitioner. The Bank should have visited the petitioner and collected the Life Certificate and regulated pension. A caveat, in some cases of the Bank is obliged to do so. In cases, where the pensioners face genuine problems, it is the obligation of the Bank officers to visit those persons and take Life Certificate and update them. The pensioners could be septuagenarians, octogenarians, nonagenarians or centenarians like the petitioner. Therefore, this order cannot be construed to be sweeping direction in all cases where the Life Certificate has to be obtained by the Bank officers, the Bank officers ought to perform their duty in terms of the guidelines so as to avoid unnecessary litigation of the kind that has been generated not once, twice, but three times under clause 2.4. The court opined that the *raison d'être* for grant of pension is the inability to provide for oneself due to such old age. This can only be withheld, curtailed or taken away, only in accordance with law.

Justice M. Nagaprasanna said *"Ebbing mental prowess and physical incapacity due to age was one of the prime reasons why the certificate could not be submitted in time. This, in the peculiar facts of this case, by no stretch of imagination, can be construed to take away the right of the petitioner for grant of pension, particularly, in the teeth of the guidelines."*

MINUTES OF GENERAL BODY MEETING, MEDICAL CAMP & SEMINAR HELD ON 22-04-2023 AT FORTIS AUDITORIUM

The meeting was presided over by Sh. T.S. Kalra, Chairman, in the presence of ninety members.

❖ Welcome Address by Sh. Harchandan Singh/SG/RSCWS:

SG/RSCWS welcomed the Executive and members for their overwhelming attendance in the General Body Meeting. The medical check-ups (Blood Sugar, Blood Pressure, Pulmonary Function Test & Body Mass Index) for RSCWS members, organized by the Fortis Hospital Management. The importance of all these tests was explained and all members advised to take very good care of themselves at this stage of life.

❖ Opening Address by Sh. T.S. Kalra, Chairman/RSCWS:

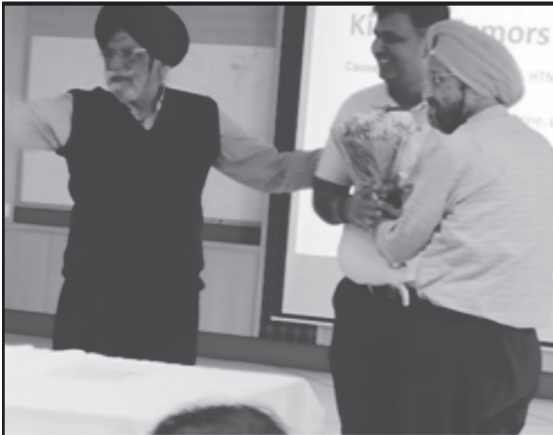
- ❖ Welcoming all the members & their spouses, the Chairman pointed out that this particular GBM day was involuntarily getting observed as Pensioners' Health Care Day, with so much enthusiastic attendance by the retirees & their spouses.
- ❖ *Highlighting the growing popularity of RSCWS in railway circles across the country, he stressed that more & more members should come forward to actively participate in the activities of RSCWS. At present, a few of us, namely SG Sh. Harchandan Singh, Sh. Desh Rattan, Sh. Jaspal Singh, Sh. C.P. Singh, Sh. G.P. Singh, Sh. Rajinder Datta and, may be, some more intermittently, are proactively working for our society.*
- ❖ Many memorandums on pensioners' issues are drafted out, scrutinized & updated at different levels before being finally dispatched to concerned authorities and thereafter also followed up with them.
- ❖ Chairman addressing the gathering
- ❖ Lot of efforts are being made towards empanelment of reputed private hospitals for medical treatment of pensioners and their dependents.
- ❖ The medical matters are also being chased up at HQ and Rly. Board levels.
- ❖ The members would have noticed that our PRS- Pensioners Rail Sampark, is being published and circulated regularly without break, even during the Covid breakdown/lockdown days.
- ❖ We continue to pay donation to the needy and destitute, from our social welfare fund.
- ❖ All these activities require coordinated efforts on a continuous basis for which more members should offer their services voluntarily.
- ❖ Restoring back to the Health Care activities, the chairman emphasized on both Physical and Mental wellbeing of senior citizens. He quoted some details from the writings and actions of Khushwant Singh-the famous writer, Abraham Lincoln-the iconic President of USA and Alexander, the great of Greece-the warrior & conqueror.

- ❖ To achieve this one way is that we should follow some passion and RSCWS is the best platform to keep you busy one way or the other, so come forward to participate in the activities of RSCWS.

Despite all odds of life, you should remain positive and must take good care of yourselves and your spouses. Keep in mind that things very important till you get them and become further more valuable after you lose them. So, value what you have today.

Report of SG/RSCWS Sh. Harchandan Singh

SG/RSCWS thanked the members for attending the meeting in such a large number, but also expressed that we should motivate more and more retirees to join the RSCWS.



Sh. K.P. Singh, President/RSCWS Presenting a bouquet to Dr. Ajinder Singh of Fortis

- ❖ The growth of RSCWS is a success story as people across the country appreciate our efforts and endeavor, we are relentlessly chasing the issue of additional quantum of pension after every five years after 65 years of age by 5, 10 & 15 percent with concerned ministries and departments. The issue of annual increment or additional quantum of pension is chased by the RSCWS since the 5th CPC and now we hope if the finance ministry gives its concurrence, then there will be good news for all of us.

- ❖ Out of one thousand pensioner's associations, RSCWS is having affiliation with SCOVA which is another achievement.
- ❖ The issue of raising of FMA from Rs 1000/- per month to Rs. 3000/- per month is also being rigorously chased with concerned authorities by RSCWS and is appreciated by the retirees across the country. We are hoping an early notification by Rly. Board in this

regard.

- ❖ We are representing the concerned ministry with facts and figures to restore the Commuted Pension after 12 years instead of 15 years as interest on Small Saving Schemes have been slashed by the Government during last five years by 68%.
- ❖ Despite the callous attitude of Railway Medical Authorities towards the demands of empaneled Hospitals, the empaneled Hospital are still providing health care facilities to the RSCWS members at CGHS rates it is a great achievement of the society.
- ❖ RSCWS is chasing the matter with concerned authorities for empanelment of a few more Pvt. Hospitals of Panchkula with Railways.
- ❖ The matter of Upgradation of Railway Health Unit at Chandigarh to Sub-Divisional Hospital is brought into the notice of Chairman Railway Board with more facilities and doctors.
- ❖ Pensioners are again suffering on account of not directly referring them to empaneled Hospital by ADMO/CDG which is violation of Policy Guidelines issued vide Rly. Bd's letter of 30.07.2018. This issue is also taken up with CMS/UMB for streamlining the referral procedure by seeking telephonic approval by ADMO/CDG.
- ❖ To scale the new heights, we require more and more enrollment of new members of RSCWS this is to be taken up seriously.
- ❖ This is for the information of you all that as per the latest guidelines issued by the Rly. Board now we cannot board a train by simply carrying the Complimentary Pass in our pocket, instead we have to get a Ticket from the reservation counter otherwise you will be treated as without ticket event if you are having a valid Privilege or Complimentary Pass.
- ❖ Address by Sh. V.P. Chandan EX AGM/N. Rly.
- ❖ I appreciated the initiatives & endeavors of RSCWS for welfare and cause of retired Railway Employees.
- ❖ Earlier I decided to become an annual member but the way RSCWS is dedicated toward the welfare of the retirees I become the Life Time Member.
- ❖ Some time back OJAS Hospital, Sector 26, Panchkula was empaneled with the Railway but discontinued, but RSCWS is keeping a good rapport with management, therefore, OJAS is still providing healthcare Facilities to RSCWS members at CGHS rated which is a great relief.

- ❖ I thanked the Executive of RSCWS for doing this humane service.
- ❖ I have gone through the Pensioners Rail Sampark, the quarterly tabloid and find it very useful.
- ❖ Concluding Address by the Chairman/RSCWS Sh. T. S. Kalra
- ❖ Chairman/RSCWS Sh. T.S. Kalra thanked Dr. Vivek Aggarwal for his very informative discourse on neurology. He asked particular questions from Dr. Vivek Aggarwal to initiate the inter-active session with the audience. It turned out to be a very absorbing session with a number of members putting up questions to the doctor and seeking clarifications.
- ❖ While presenting bouquet to Dr. Vivek Aggarwal and Dr. Ajinder Singh of Fortis, the chairman thanked the Fortis management, particularly Sh. Abhijit Singh Zonal Director Fortis Healthcare, for organizing such an interesting Health Care event and Medical Seminar.
- ❖ Thereafter, Sh. Kalra and Sh. Harchandan Singh had small formal meeting with the Zonal Director, Fortis, Sh. Abhijit Singh and emphasized on Fortis Hospital for extending the empanelment with Railways. They also discussed about the resolving any payment issues between Fortis and CMS/Ambala Division.



Sh. T. S. Kalra, Chairman RSCWS, presenting a bouquet to Dr. Vivek Aggarwal (Fortis Hospital Mohali) after the Medical Seminar



Chairman RSCWS addressing the ECM with the President & Secretary General sitting besides him



Officials of RSCWS Presenting a donation cheque of Rs. 21000/- from RSCWS Social Welfare Fund, to Chairman & Gen. Secretary of Tera-Hi-Tera group of Philanthropic Hospitals, Sector 45, 18 & 26, Chandigarh

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